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*Liaison 2-1*

*Memorandum No. 2950*  
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15 DEC 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Geographic Report on Laos

REFERENCE: 3531 L 2717, 29 October 1959, same subject

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1. We are pleased to learn of [REDACTED] favorable reaction to GM 59-2, Laos.

2. Due chiefly to the "third agency rule", we are not able to supply actual copies of the reports referred to in paragraph 2 of reference memorandum. For your information, however, we are citing herewith the sources of the information referred to, in the thought that [REDACTED] may be able to obtain copies of some of the reports through normal channels.

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a. Route 13 - Luang Prabang/Thakhek

Reports of road closures 15 June to 30 September were based on translation of an article appearing in the 16 June 1959 issue of Lao Presse. The actual decree of the Bureau of Public Works closing certain road sections was dated 15 June 1959. (See R-107-59 from U.S. Army Attache, Laos, dated 17 June 1959. Our copy

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b. Route 13 - Savannakhet/Pakse

Information concerning road condition was based on a report by a reliable American Embassy observer who traversed the route in July 1959.

c. Route from Pakse to Kontum

Information concerning this route was taken from two ~~SECRET~~ State Department messages from the U.S. Embassy, Saigon, dated in August 1959.

d. Route 9 - Savannakhet/Lao Bao

Information was taken from R-85-59 from U.S. Army

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3. We do not have evidence that vehicles of any kind were able to get through from Ban Ban to Sam Nuaa before the 1959 rainy season.

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(Signed)



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